

**ABSTRACT**

A vacuum cleaner comprises an elongate cylindrical separation unit 10 detachably mounted to The body of The cleaner for separating dirt and dust from The airflow. A cyclone separator is provided inside The lower end of The separation unit 10. The upper end wall 18 of The separator is removable and carries a filter 15 for filtering The cleaned airflow out of The cyclone separator.

The filter 15 can be removed from The cleaner for maintenance, without The entire separator 10. Additionally, The separator 10, with The filter unit in position, may be dismounted from The cleaner if required, and carried to a disposal point for emptying.